

# **SPAC Meeting Minutes – September 10,2002**

## **Members Present**

David Hobart – Chair, C-AAC  
Lonnie Theye – Vice Chair, NMT-15  
Jerry Foropolous, NMT-DO  
Tracy Ruscetti, B-2

## **LANL Representatives Present**

Barbara Pacheco, HR  
Margaret Marshall, OEO  
Danny Valdez, DV  
Kari Lier, STB-EPO

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, David Hobart at 8:30AM

## **Student Association Issues**

A discussion was held concerning SPAC's involvement in trying to ensure that the Student Association (SA) remains viable during the school year. It was suggested that we do not form a subcommittee to assist SA and risk the possibility of over stepping our charter. It was decided that SPAC needed only to stay informed of SA activities and assist if needed. Consequently, we will ask for periodic reports from SA to be presented orally at SPAC meetings.

## **Diversity Office Report**

Margaret reported on her first meeting as SPAC representative to the diversity board. The meeting primarily involved getting organized by establishing rules of order, electing officers, etc. An Affirmative Development Plan (ADP) is being developed to coordinate efforts of the Diversity Office and the Affirmative Action Board.

## **Child Care Options**

It was noted that childcare is an issue of concern to many students, particularly the older students. Someone suggested that the Lab was investigating the possibility of providing a facility that would offer childcare for up to 50 children. It was stated that this probably was not a good idea because it would primarily serve the wealthy and do little for those who really need it. It would have the potential to compete unfairly with private childcare providers. SPAC continues to support the idea of childcare for LANL employees, but is hoping for a better solution.

## **Exceptions**

Mindy was commended for providing us with a spreadsheet detailing the history of requests for exceptions. It was stated that we need consistent and complete information on all candidates that request exceptions.

**Subcommittees**

Lonnie was asked to bring a report on the progress of active committees to the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24 at 8:30 am in Canyon School Complex, Room 168.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Theye for Sheila Wasfey